

Scraps and Facts.

The senate committee of the whole, on last Wednesday, finished the consideration of the tariff bill by sections, and the measure is now in shape for a final vote. It is expected, will be taken today or tomorrow. If the measure is passed, the senate will have once a matter of absolute certainty—it will at once be returned to the house. It is claimed that Chairman Wilson, of the ways and means committee, is not at all satisfied with the manner in which the senate has passed his bill, and it is possible that he will be unwilling to agree to many of the changes. The fate of the bill may still be regarded as uncertain. One of the most important matters to come up after the tariff bill has been disposed of, is the joint resolution providing for the election of United States senators by a direct vote of the people. This is going to provoke a very lively fight in both house and senate.

The statement was made in Washington last Friday, from an authoritative source, that no issue of bonds will be made by the administration during the summer; that the president and Secretary Carlisle are in accord on the financial policy of the treasury, and that the end of gold exports to Europe is believed to be about reached. The administration expects the new tariff bill to go into effect by August 1st, and that the date issued on the tariff bill will be the date on which the treasury will be asked for receipts by \$15,000,000, which will reduce the available treasury balance to about \$100,000,000. The present outlook is that by deferring everything until the 1st of August, the treasury will be able to meet the current fiscal year, which closes Saturday, June 30th, will be brought within \$75,000,000. Less than ten days ago it was estimated that it would reach \$75,000,000.

Santo, the anarchist, who recently assassinated President Carnot at Lyons, was taken before a magistrate on Tuesday of last week. He had no hesitation in declaring himself an anarchist, and expressed a strong opinion in favor of the policy of violence. The examining magistrate asked Santo whether he had any personal grievance against President Carnot. He replied: "No; but he was a tyrant. I killed him. I was a patriot." "How did you stab him?" asked the magistrate. "I pushed aside the horses and carriages and advanced to the carriage. I had a dagger concealed in my sleeve. I only had to raise my arm and point it at the president, and he was dead. I was shouting 'Long live liberty!'"

It seems that the withdrawal of General Clement A. Evans in favor of Hon. W. F. Atkinson, is not going to settle the family quarrel in Georgia. Much of Mr. Atkinson's campaign thunder has been aimed at the Atlanta Trusting Co., a number of prominent men of which company have all along been supporting Evans, held a meeting last Thursday night and decided to transfer their allegiance to Judge Hines, the candidate of the Populists for governor. As to whether or not the movement will accomplish anything remains to be seen; but there is little reason to believe that it will be supported by any considerable number of Atlantians.

The announcement that Col. Ellison S. Keitt, of Newberry, is to canvass the State, will add interest to the campaign. Col. Keitt, it will be remembered, was an aspirant to the senate when Irby succeeded Hampton. He is a strong exponent of Alliance views of finance, a man of undoubted ability, and has a strong individual following throughout the State. The special object of his canvass, it is understood, is to defend the Ocala demands, and though it is hardly probable that he hopes to secure for the next legislature any endorsement of his candidacy for governor, there is reason to believe that he will force Butler and Tillman entirely out of the domain of personalities into a very serious discussion of such issues as have been presented by the Alliance.

The contested election case of Watson vs. Black, from Georgia, came up in the house of representatives last Friday, and Black was seated by a vote of 106 to 10. Watson, it will be remembered, was elected from the Tenth Georgia district as a Democrat. After his election, he became an anarchist. He made himself obnoxious not only to the Democrats of his district, but also to the Republicans and Democrats alike in the house. In fact, he raised the wind generally, and Democrats and Republicans throughout the country, determined upon his destruction. Accordingly, a tremendous campaign fund was raised for use in the Tenth Georgia district. The money was contributed by politicians at the North and elsewhere, and it is claimed that the city of Augusta alone raised \$40,000 in cash. When election day came, the Democrats of the Tenth Georgia district adopted the old ballot-box-stuffing tactics of 1876. Individual voters cast from 10 to 40 votes, against Watson. Everything was counted, especially the votes for Black, Watson's opponent, and the faces of the returns, Watson was overwhelmingly defeated. Watson sought to contest the election; but with both of the old parties overwhelmingly against him, and no friends except a handful of Populists, stood but little show. Possibly, Black may have been fairly elected; but that Watson was the victim of wholesale fraud, no one who knows anything at all about the facts in the case has a shadow of a doubt.

DR. LATHAN'S ADDRESS. When Rev. Dr. Lathan was selected as the man to deliver the address on the Battle of King's Mountain, THE ENQUIRER had no hesitation in promising a historical and literary treat of the highest order. The reader is referred to the first page of this issue for prima facie evidence of the fulfillment of that promise. Here are pearls of fact plucked by the hand of a master from ancient and modern history, and applied to the practical affairs of our country with such faultless diction and convincing accuracy, as to render it impossible for an intelligent mind to escape the lesson.

Dr. Lathan's theme was civil and religious liberty. This he showed was one of the greatest belongings to man, and proved conclusively that no nation can long enjoy it after it has forgotten God. The martyrs who perished in old greyfriars churchyard, and those men who quenched the bonfires built in celebration of the restoration of Charles II, were among the few who had not strayed under the yoke of bondage; and the fact that the determined heroes who gathered at Sydenham Shoals, on Watagus, were their descendants, explains the remarkable victory at King's Mountain.

And in conclusion: "Shall we, who inherit the rich possession which they won by their Christian valor, forget their noble deeds of daring, and waste the paternal inheritance in riotous living? Shall we make this country what the heroes of King's Mountain desired it to be—the land of the free; or shall we make it what Rome became—first slave, then sacked by the Northern hordes?" Comment upon these portentous questions we deem entirely unnecessary. If anything, we suggest that they read over the entire address again.

EVANS AND THE REGISTER. Senator John Gary Evans and the Columbia Register have run afoul. At Florence, the other day, Ellerbe charged Evans with being a recent convert to the Farmers' movement. Evans claimed that he was back at 1886, he published a defense of the movement in the Augusta Chronicle. Ellerbe retorted: "Why did you not publish that letter in THE REGISTER, or some other Reform paper in this State?" "Because," replied Evans, "THE REGISTER was not with us then. We had to buy it out."

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